

1977 Assembly Bill 200

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AN ACT to amend 24.01 (intro.); and to create 14.011 (3), 14.015 (2), 20.525 (6) and 23.41 to 23.47 of the statutes, relating to creating a conservation work projects

board, establishing a conservation work projects program, granting rule-making authority and making an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 14.011 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

14.011 (3) CONSERVATION WORK PROJECTS BOARD. The conservation work projects board shall have the program responsibilities specified for the board under ss. 23.41 to 23.47.

SECTION 2. 14.015 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

14.015 (2) CONSERVATION WORK PROJECTS BOARD. There is created a conservation work projects board which is attached to the executive office under s. 15.03. The membership of the board shall be composed of:

(a) The secretaries of the departments of agriculture, health and social services and natural resources.

(b) Five members of the state manpower council including the chairperson of the department of industry, labor and human relations, the secretaries of the departments of local affairs and development and business development, and 2 other members appointed by the governor.

(c) The chancellor of the university of Wisconsin extension.

(d) Five public members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, for staggered 5-year terms.

SECTION 3. At the appropriate place in the schedule under section 20.005 of the statutes, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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20.525 Executive office		
(6) CONSERVATION WORK PROJECTS		
(a) Administration of conservation work projects program	GPR C -0-	75,000

SECTION 4. 20.525 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

20.525 (6) CONSERVATION WORK PROJECTS. (a) *Administration of conservation work projects program.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for general program operations for the conservation work projects program.

(m) *Federal aid.* All federal moneys received for the purposes of ss. 23.41 to 23.47.

SECTION 5. 23.41 to 23.47 of the statutes are created to read:

23.41 Conservation work projects program. The conservation work projects program shall develop human resources and at the same time provide for balanced conservation and utilization of natural resources.

23.42 Definitions. In ss. 23.41 to 23.47:

(1) "Board" means the conservation work projects board.

(2) "Conservation work project" means a project designed for the protection, development and use of forests, fish and game, lakes, streams, plant life, flowers and other outdoor resources in this state.

23.43 Conservation work projects board; powers and duties. (1) The board shall:

(a) Hire an executive secretary and any necessary staff in the classified service.

(b) Promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of ss. 23.41 to 23.47.

(c) Establish and define the scope of a conservation work projects program.

- (d) Establish priorities for conservation work projects.
- (e) Seek appropriate sources of federal funding for conservation works projects.
- (f) Establish appropriate qualifications for age, residence and term of employment for conservation work project employes.
- (2) The board may:
 - (a) Establish conservation work camps under s. 23.45 at or near the site of any conservation work project.
 - (b) Enter into agreements with the federal government or with municipalities to accomplish conservation work projects.
 - (c) Acquire by purchase, lease or agreement, and receive by gift or devise, lands or waters suitable for conservation work camps.
 - (d) Employ persons, outside the civil service, eligible under s. 23.44 to work on conservation work projects and determine their compensation.

23.44 Conservation work project employes. All persons who meet the qualifications for age, residence and term of employment set by the board may apply for employment on any conservation work project. Applicants shall pass a physical examination as prescribed by the board before being considered for employment on a conservation work project.

23.45 Conservation work camps. (1) The board may establish residential facilities known as conservation work camps for persons employed on any conservation work project. The facilities may be located either on or off the site of a work project. No person who is not employed on a conservation work project may reside in a conservation work camp.

(2) The executive office shall provide personnel and services necessary to aid in the acquisition of conservation work camp sites and facilities under this section.

23.47 Cooperation from agencies. All departments and agencies of state government shall make available to the board such information and assistance as the board may require in order to carry out its functions under ss. 23.41 to 23.47.

SECTION 6. 24.01 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

24.01 (intro.) Terms used in chs. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 are defined as follows, unless the context requires otherwise:
